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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/799,273  
Applicant(s) : Hansrudolf Iseli  
Filed : March 12, 2004  
Title : Cross Clamping Device  
TC/A.U. : 3679  
Examiner : Joshua T. Kennedy  
Docket No. : 041281.00006

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2006.

The examiners are thanked for their courtesy in conducting a telephone interview with the undersigned on April 4, 2006. During the interview, there was a discussion regarding the rejection of record (Schwartz in view of Ott) as to Claim 1. The Examiners indicated that, in their opinion, because one tube crosses over the end of the other tube in Schwartz the limitation of cross clamping is met. The Examiners indicated that Schwartz by itself shows a fixed position between the first and second clamps identified in Fig. 1. However, it is their opinion that Ott provides the teaching for clamping between the first and second clamp because nuts with camming surfaces could be used to cause clamping by deforming the channeled section shown in Fig. 1 of Schwartz. No agreement with respect to Claim 1 was reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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